GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITIES IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facilities have been provided in all the villages of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if not, the number of villages which has not been provided with telephone facilities in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed by the Government for providing telephone facilities in every village of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The number of uncovered villages in Chhattisgarh is 5,051. This excludes villages which are depopulated, naxalite/insurgency infested, having population of less than hundred persons and those lying in deep forest areas. The district-wise list of uncovered villages is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) The office of Administrator, Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund has awarded the work of providing Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in remaining 5,051 villages of Chhattisgarh to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). These VPTs are planned to be provided in a phased manner by November, 2007.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE LIST OF UNCOVERED VILLAGES IN CHHATTISGARH

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of uncovered villages where VPTs aree to be provided
1	Bastar	522
2	Bilaspur	48
3	Champa	0
4	Dantewada	866
5	Dhamtari	66
6	Durg	103
7	Jashpurnagar	95
8	Kanker	346
9	Kawardha	63
10	Korba	19
11	Koria	536
12	Mahasamund	168
13	Raigarh	141
14	Rajnandgaon	432
15	Raipur	332
16	Sarguja	1,314
	Total	5,051